



# Comparative Legal Practices in Nigerian African Regions: A Mixed-Methods Inquiry

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## Abstract

This study examines comparative legal practices in Nigerian African regions, focusing on how different jurisdictions within Nigeria apply international criminal law and local customary laws. The study employs a mixed-methods approach combining qualitative interviews with quantitative survey data from participants across nine Nigerian states representing various legal traditions. A total of 120 in-depth interviews were conducted alongside 500 surveys to gather comprehensive insights into the application and interpretation of international criminal law within local contexts. Findings reveal significant variations in how international criminal laws are applied, with certain regions showing a higher degree of integration between traditional legal systems and international norms than others. For instance, in Yoruba-speaking areas, there is a notable trend towards incorporating international standards into customary practices. The mixed-methods approach has provided nuanced insights into the complex interplay between local customs and global legal frameworks across Nigeria's regions. Recommendations include further research to explore specific regional contexts in depth and advocate for more inclusive legislative processes that respect both traditional and international legal standards.

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